GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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Free Wi-Fi Facility at Tourist Places
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to provide free wi-fi facility along with new mobile applications at all prominent tourist spots across the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether this move is expected to encourage the foreign visitors in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism in association with the Department of Telecommunications is implementing Wi-Fi provision at 100 tourist places so as to facilitate tourists to stay connected and share experience of their visit with their families and friends on social media. The provision of Wi-Fi is being implemented through Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), RailTel Corporation and the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited on a free-cum-chargeable basis. So far, a total of 47 tourist places have been provided Wi-Fi facility.

The Ministry of Tourism has launched an 'Incredible India' mobile application in September 2014 to assist international and domestic tourists to access information about Ministry of Tourism recognized tourism service providers namely approved Inbound Tour Operators, Adventure Tour Operators, Domestic Tour Operators, Tourist Transport Operators, Travel Agents, Regional Level Guides, Classified Hotels available in respective cities/Tourist centers including heritage significance of the place.
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